IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Fairbairn, et al.**	§	Case: **AMAT/1571.C3/DSM/BCVD/JW**
Serial No.: **10/680,656**	§	Filed: **October 6, 2003**
Examiner: **MacArthur, Sylvia**	§	Group Art Unit: **1763**
Confirmation No.: **5797**	§	
For: **TANDEM PROCESS CHAMBER**	§	

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 31, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 30, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's deposit account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees or other fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the office.